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THOUSANDS PLEDGED

For Memorial Building for George Washington—Total of $86,944 in Cash and Subscriptions in Hand.

Grand Masters and other prominent masons from all parts of the United States continued to arrive in Alexandria yesterday afternoon and some as late as this morning to participate in the seventh annual convention of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Yesterday afternoon's session was presided over by the president of the association, General Thomas J. Shryock, of Baltimore. The committee of ways and means reported additional amounts of $1,000 from the grand lodge of Maryland, also $500 from the various lodges of that state and pledges amounting to $37,890 received from other parts of the country, bringing the total of cash and pledges up to $86,944.05.

The members attend a called communication of Alexandria Washington lodge last night which was held in the Elks' lodge room, when the master mason degree was conferred. Officers of the association will be elected this afternoon and following the stated communication of Alexandria Washington lodge, which will be held in the Elks lodge rooms, the annual banquet will take place in the armory on south Royal street.

Among those in attendance are the following:—

Henry Banks, Past Grand Master, La Grange, Ga.

L. J. McKenson, Grand Master, West Cornwall, Conn.

Frederick E. Leonard, Grand High Priest, Grand High Chapter, Pawtucket, R. I.

Edward Higbee, Grand Master, Kirksville, Mo.

T. J. W. Newton, Past Grand Master, D. C., Washington, D. C.

F. W. Mondell, M. C. from Wyoming, Newcastle, Wyo.

James H. Pein, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter, Richmond, Va.

Thomas C. Bawling, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Charles Town, W. Va.

A. A. Jones, Representing Grand Chapter, East Las Vegas, N. Mex.

William F. Smith, Past Grand Master, Boise, Idaho.

Charles H. Wiggins, Past Grand Master, Malden, Mass.

Claude H. Pridgen, Grand Master, Wilmington, N. C.

John M. Collins, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master, Charleston, West Virginia.

Thomas F. Penman, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Scranton, Pa.

Warren S. Seipp, Grand Lecturer, Baltimore, Md.

J. J. Mansfield, Past Grand Master, Columbus, Tex.

Charles A. Burns, M. I. G. Master, Grand Council of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.

J. Johnston Green, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Alexandria, Va.

Louis J. Israel, Representing Grand Lodge, Helena, Mont.

William Booth Price, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Baltimore, Md.

Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master, Baltimore, Md.

E. L. Cunningham, Deputy Grand Master, Newport News, Va.

W. K. Cowden, Grand High Priest, Huntington, W. Va.

J. E. W. Timberman, Grand High Priest, Alexandria, Va

R. T. W. Duke, jr., Past Grand Master, Charlottesville, Va.

George A. Bueachamp, Grand Secretary, Montgomery, Ala.

J. Claude Keiper, Past Grand Master, Washington, D. C.

J. H. McCormick, Grand High Priest, Mobile, Ala.

William W. Ranson, Grand Commander, Birmingham, Ala.

W. J. Hubard, Past Grand High Priest, Richmond, Va.

M. J. Hull, Past Grand Master, Nebraska.

Harry J. Guthrie, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Wilmington, Del.

George R. Davis Junior Warden, St. Johns Lodge, Washington, D. C.

James Bowman, Grand King, Grand Chapter, Roanoke, Va.

Joseph E. Knight, Past Grand High Priest, Exeter, N. H.

Lem Towers, jr, Grand Commander, Knights Templar, Washington,

George L. Schoonover, Past Grand Master, Anamosa, Iowa.

J. T. Houck, Past Grand Commander, Knights Templar, Harrisonburg, Va.

Allen T. Treadway, 33d degree, Past Grand Warden, Stockbridge, Mass.

Martin A. Morrison, Past Grand Master, Frankfort, Ind.

George E. Corson, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, Washington, D. C.

Charles E. Baldwin, Past Grand Master, Washington, D. C.

Edwin P. Hesse, Past Grand Commander, Washington, D. C.

James W. Witten, Grand Master, Washington, D. C.

Louis A. Watres, Grand Master, Scranton, Pa.

Thomas W. Dantzler, Deputy Grand Commander, K. T., St. Matthews, S. C.

R. A. Cooper, Grand Master, Laurens, S. C.

Charles A. Carrigan, Grand Master, Moundsville, W. Va.

George T. Bryan, Grand High Priest, Greenville, S. C.

C. K. Chreitzberg, Grand Commander, Rock Hill, S. C.

F. E. Harrison, Past Grand Master, Abbeville, S. C.

Thomas J. Day, Past Grand Master, Wilmington, Del.

William B. McChesney, Past Grand Master, Staunton, Va.

Ralph H. Wheeler, Grand Master, Chicago, Ill.

Isaac Cutter, Grand Secretary, Camp Point, Ill.

Henry Knox Field, Grand Master, Alexandria, Va.

William W. Galt, Grand Junior Deacon, Norfolk, Va.

George M. Kies, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary, Hartford, Conn.

Walter Smith, Grand Master, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Alfred G. Pinkham, Past Grand Master, St. Paul, Minn.

William J. Boyden, Grand Librarian, Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction U. S .A., Scottish Rite Masons, Washington, D. C.

ALEXANDRIA'S HOLIDAY

Anniversary of Birthday of George Washington Observed By Old and Young Today.

As is the custom when a President is to be inaugurated on the fourth of March, there was no parade feature today in celebrating the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington, but there were many other evidences to show that Alexandria did not forget or ignore this local holiday, which has been observed in one way or another for over a century. It is distinctly an Alexandria holiday, which the Gazette has often told readers of the twentieth century as Alexandria was Washington's city, which he often visited, and where he was a well-known as any citizen.

The streets have had a holiday appearance today. Flags have been fluttering from many buildings, as they have from vehicles moving along the thoroughfares, while a large percentage of people wore miniature flags on the lappels of their coats. The schools were closed, as were public buildings, and the postoffice observed Sunday hours. Most of the stores were closed in the afternoon.

The palace car "Mount Vernon" added interest to the occasion when it moved down King street about 11 o'clock this morning. It conveyed prominent Masons from different sections oft he country to Mount Vernon who placed wreaths upon the sarcophagi of George and Martha Washington.

While there was no public demonstration today, Americanism was in the air. As stated above, the Stars and Stripes were conspicuous everywhere, and it may be said that animating this generation as it did our forefathers on the eave of the Revolutionary War. Alexandrians, like others in the country, realize that we may be forced to fight for our independence as did Washington and his coadjutors.

George Washington was a regular attendant at Christ Church. As was then the custom, worshippers often lingered in the church yard after the close of services discussing current issues. Nearly a century and a half ago the man destined to become the father of his country emerged on Sunday from this ancient place of worship and entered into a conversation with several prominent acquaintances concerning the encroachments of George II. It was agred that if the colonials desired liberty they must fight for it, and this great republic was then and there brought to the birth.

Washingtons shade is looking down upon the present generation. If we intend to hold on to the heritage bequeathed us by him whose memory we delight to honor, we, too, may have to use the sword, as our independence has been challenged again, not by Brittania, but by haughty Germany, who desires to feel all nations under its iron heel.

WHOLESALE—

Oysters, Clams and Crabs,

J. BRILL, No. 2 King St.

See Linton, at Blondheim's old stand, City Market, for meats, Auth's Provisions, etc.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

The prayer meeting at the Girl's Club, 921 King street, at 8 o'clock this evening, will be led by Miss Katherine Stuart. The tea at the club tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock will be in charge of Miss Harriett Pollard. The series of teas on Friday afternoons in this club room are unusually attractive and have been well attended. They will continue during Lent and each week a member of the club will be the hostess.

The announcement was made before the board of police commissioners at their meeting held last night, by Attorney Leo P. Harlow, that written charges would be made against police officer John W. Kerns for the shooting of John Stephen Kane, the young Georgetown University student, on the night of Thanksgiving last in this city. Mayor Fisher presided at the meeting. The Mayor reported that he had suspended Police Officer Garvey for five days for drinking. A motion made to dismiss the officer from the force was lost, Commissioners Schwarzmann and Knight voting in favor of it and Commissioners Phillips and Sweeney and Mayor Fisher against it.

The law of the District of Columbia compelling husbands who obtain divorces in other jurisdictions to support their children if their wives are residents of the District was upheld yesterday by the District Court of Appeals. The case was that of Alexander J. Wedderburn, of Virginia. Mrs. Wedderburn left her husband and went to Washington to live, carrying their infant daughter with her. Mr. Wedderburn obtained a divorce in Virginia, and in the District Supreme Court Mrs. Wedderburn obtained a decree requiring him to contribute $15 a month for the support of the child. The case was carried to the Court of Appeals, and the appellate opinion sustained the ruling of the lower court.

Miss Lizzie C. Walker, of Marshall, Fauquier county, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. John Grimm, at her home in Duke street.

Milton Kerrick, of 524 north Washington street, who was operated upon recently by Dr. Moore, is improving as rapidly as can be expected.

Ralph Steele, proprietor of the Richmond and Surprise Theaters in this city, who has been confined to his home with typhoid fever since December, has recovered sufficiently to get out of doors again.

The banks and federal offices are closed today in honor of Washington's birthday. Members of the George Washington Birthday Association went to Mount Vernon by special car at 10:30 and placed a wreath on the tomb of Washington in accordance with their annual custom.

Miss Germond was hostess on Monday evening at a George Washington party. She had as her guests Miss Rosa Cox, Miss Julia Davis, Miss Sue Duffey, Misses Vera and Rebecca Germond, Miss Coralie Greenaway, Miss Betty Keys, Miss Bessie Marks. Miss Harriet Pollard, and Messrs. Harold Davis, Albert C. Dunn, Thomas Jones, Shirley Leachman, Robert Meyers, Earnest Pittman, John Scott, of this city, and Ralph Herrick, of Washington.

Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon for Mrs. Rebecca Lloyd Tabb Brent, wife of Commonwealth's Attorney Samuel G. Brent, from her late residence, 115 north Columbus street, conducted by the Rev. William J. Morton, rector of Christ Church. The pallbearers were Dr.. Wythe Cooke, of Washington, Representative Charles C. Carlin, Judge Louis C. Barley, Dr. Arthur Snowden, Mr. Eugene B. Taylor and Mr. George Uhler. Interment was in St. Paul's cemetery.

Mrs. Frank S. Harper who fell last Thursday afternoon in her home in Prince street and broke her left ankle, is quite ill from pleurisy, though her condition is reported as more favorable today.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Junior German Club tomorrow afternoon, from 4 to 6 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Elks' Home, will be a George Washington birthday celebration.

Mr. Robert Lee Fisher, of New York, is the guest of his brother-in-law and sister, Mayor and Mrs. Thomas A. Fisher, at their home in north Columbus street. Mayor and Mrs. Fisher also have as their guest Miss Florence Hirsh, of Connecticut.

Lenten services will be held in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church this afternoon at five o'clock. The afternoon service in Christ Church will be at 5 o'clock tomorrow. In Grace Church the service will be at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening. In St. Mary's Catholic Church stations of the cross will be at 3:15 this afternoon.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, president of the National Florence Crittenden Mission, returned this morning to her home 408 Duke street, after a trip to New York city, where she was the guest at luncheon yesterday of Mrs. John Hays Hammond. Mrs. Barrett will leave tomorrow for Fredericksburg, Virginia, to speak in St. George's Hall, that place, on "Women From a World Viewpoint."

Fire destroyed two frame shacks last night at ten o'clock in the square bounded by Henry, Fayette, Queen and Princess streets, one of which was occupied by George Smith, colored, the other being vacant. The fire is thought to have started in the vacant building and is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

George M. Harrison, Governor Stuart yesterday made the positive statement that he would not disregard geographical lines in appointing for the impending vacancy on the Supreme Court of Appeals. This stand by the Governor eliminates any candidate who does not come from the section commonly known as the Valley to fill Judge Harrison's position.

VIRGINIA NEWS

Representative Carter Glass is the latest "granddaddy" member of the House. He received a telegram yesterday that a son was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Powell Glass, of Lynchburg. The news came to Mr. Glass shortly after he voted for the Reed "bone dry" legislation. He waved the telegram over his head and exclaimed: "Thank God, this legislation will remove from the path of this boy the temptations for drinking."

Pouring gasoline around a frozen pump and then lighting it, Harry Moran, aged 17, son of Mr. William G. Moran, a former real estate man of Charlottesville, was burned to death recently in Hopewell. There was a 5-gallon tank nearby which is said to have caught fire and exploded, spraying the boy with blazing gasoline. Before the flames could be extinguished he was seriously burned to the waist. He lingered a week. Lockjaw set in and he died three days later.

A fleet of twenty merchant ships, loaded to the gunwales with food, steamed out of the Virginia capes yesterday afternoon and turned their prows toward Europe. Warship convoys are expected to meet them outside the 3-mile limit. The cargoes included considerable canned goods, besides fresh foodstuffs, consigned, eventually, to the allied troops in France. Each of the ships mounted guns. At sea, their shippers said, they will probably pick up other allied merchantmen.

Two 5-inch guns have been taken to Cape Henry to be used in connection with the emergency fortifications to be built to protect the entrance to Chesapeake Bay. Other guns are expected to follow in a short time. Two 5-inch guns also were received at Old Point and will be sent to Fisherman's Island, just inside the capes. Material is being rushed to this point for the erection of foundations for the big guns. Two companies of artillerymen will be stationed at Fisherman's Island.

From the Virginia diocese of the Episcopal Church, more than $120,000 has been subscribed to the national church fund of $5,000,000 for the care of retired members of the Episcopal clergy, according to an announcement made in Richmond yesterday by Oliver J. Sands, who is one of the officials in charge of the campaign in this state. The total amount, which will be subscribed by the Virginia diocese, is expected to exceed $140,000 before the canvass is closed early next month. More than $60,000 has been contributed to the fund by the Southern diocese at this time, and this amount is expected to reach beyond $100,000 before the canvass ends. It is estimated that approximately $50,000 will represent the local subscriptions to the fund. The $500,000 fund has already been completed.

Breaking silence for the first time with reference to his position in selecting a man to succeed Judge

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STATE TO BE "BONE DRY"

House Passes Ironclad Barrier Against Liquor Importation Into Prohibition States.

The passage of the pending postoffice appropriation bill by congress will prevent the sending of any liquor advertisements through the mails, into states which forbid liquor advertising, or the shipment of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes, through interstate commerce, into any state which prohibits the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

Six Southern States whose prohibition laws have permitted the importation of a limited quantity of whisky, beer or wine for personal use, become "bone dry" on July 1, under the Reed amendment. They are Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi. Arkansas already is entirely dry, and Tennessee becomes so on March 1, under the State law.

Congressman Montague was the only Virginia Representative who voted against the Reed amendment.

By a vote of 321 to 72, the House yesterday adopted the Senate amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill establishing absolute prohibition in the States which now prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor. The amendment, which was originally introduced by Senator Reed, of Missouri, forces a test of absolute prohibition for the first time in the United States.

It nullifies all State measures which permit the importation of a limited quantity of intoxicants into prohibition territory for personal use, and compels that the States henceforward shall choose between absolute prohibition or some form of professed regulation of the drink evil.

Is it possible that Congress in passing its sweeping "bone dry" legislation overlooked the District of Columbia?

Reed's amendment does not mention the District. It refers to "any State or Territory," but it says nothing about government reservations. Heretofore, in legislation to be applied universally throughout the country it has been the practice to include "or the District of Columbia".

Prominent lawyers say the law will not affect the District, even should the Sheppard "dry" bill be enacted.

The Sheppard bill will permit shipments of liquor into the District for personal use.

OPERATIONS AT VERDUN.

Hindenburg Blames German Failure Upon Officers.

London, Feb. 22.—A correspondent with British headquarters in France says a copy of an order issued by Field Marshal von Hindenburg has come into possession of the British forces. In part the order says:

"The operations at Verdun from October to December resulted in serious and regrettable reverses. Incapable officers must be ruthlessly removed. The number of prisoners, which was unusually large for German troops, some of whom evidently surrendered without serious resistance or without suffering heavy losses, shows the morale of some of the troops engaged was low."

The order adds, according to the correspondent, that the reason for this requires a most careful investigation and that steps must be taken to revive the old spirit of the German infantry.

Mrs. Mollie Cogan, wife of Mr. Albert Cogan, died this afternoon at her home on Queen street, between Royal and Pitt. She had been a sufferer from pulmonary disease.

River Boats to Resume Trips.

After having been tied up for more than three weeks on account of ice, the boats of the Potomac and Chesapeake Steamboat Company will again resume their schedule for the river landings next Saturday, February 24th. Their sailing will greatly relieve the shortage of supplies in the vicinity of the lower river.

FISH DAY TOMORROW.

Steak, halibut; steak tile, bock shad, roe herring, Potomac bass, salt water crockers, butter fish, winter shad and trout. Santiary Fish Market. Stall No. 2, City Market. Phone 735. Open until 5 p. m. 46-1t.

MONEY TO LOAN—On first mortgage in Alexandria and Rosemont. Apply to Howard W. Smith, 107 north Fairfax street. 1-12-tf.

PATRIOTIC PROGRAM

Given at St. Mary's Academy Yesterday Afternoon.

The following Washington Birthday Program was given in the Assembly Hall of St. Mary's Academy at 2:15 p. m. yesterday:

"My Own United States" — Entire School.

Reading—An Extract from Washington's Farewell Address—Miss F. Evans.

Chorus,.....Vocal Class

The First Flag.....Rosella Burke

Making the Flag—

Betsy Ross.....J. Robitalile

Mrs. Green —K. Quinn.

Mrs. Hall.....A. Murphy

Robert Morris.....Mary Lee

John Adams.....Rosa Morton

Geo. Washington.....Alice Mackey

Part I.

Song.....Choral Club

Part II.

Address Mr. Francis Harper Fannon.

Presentation of Flag to School.

Pledge to the Flag— Entire School.

"The Star Spangled Banner"— Entire School.

"Washington the Patriot," was the theme of Mr. Fannon's address, and he handled it in a manner that was not only worthy of the subject but that argued well for Mr. Fannon's future along the lines of oratory.

The flag, a handsome one, 5 by 8, was presented to the School by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. For a month past those classes have worked among themselves towards getting this flag and so well did they guard their secret that it came as a surprise yesterday to all the other classes of the school and to most of the faculty.

Rev. Louis Smet presided at the exercises and congratulated the young orator of the day and commended the children for their very patriotic program.

WOULD DESTROY CITY

Reign of Terror in New Britain, Conn, and Bread Riots in New York and Philadelphia.

New Britain, Conn., Feb. 22—Consternation reigned last night. In the space of two hours no less than twenty explosions and fires occurred, in what is believed to be a war plot to destroy the city. Up to a late hour last night four men have been gathered in by the police as suspects in the wholesale campaign of destruction.

Martial law prevails, two militia companies having been ordered out by Mayor Quigley. Boy scouts have been pressed into service to assist the militiamen and police.

Fire companies from nearby towns had been summoned, and together with the New Britain force, heroically battled to check the conflagration.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 22.—One man was killed and nine seriously wounded by bullets and bricks, in a food and strike riot between the police and strikers of the Franklin Sugar Refining Company last night.

The riot followed a demonstration by the wives and mothers of the strikers, who demanded food and aid.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Food riots and car shortage smashed their way to the center of the stage yesterday in a way to make officials gasp and Congress demand action.

An extremely perilous situation came with reports of semi-starvation from many cities; reports showing actual lack of food in some places, and prices so enormously high in others as to make privation, hunger, and rioting no longer a threat, but a fact.

Cries for bread came from the poor of New York, Chicago, Boston, and other cities as prices mounted, and the Interstate Commerce Commission, desperately trying to cope with an unprecedented situation, assumed drastic authority and directed railroad managers in a score of sections to rush food trains at once—disregarding all other traffic demands—to communities in straits.

The commission believes car shortage is to blame, and one member last night said:

"Empty cars are jammed into yards, and some railroad managers say it is impossible to extricate them, but we will get them out if we have to dynamite them."

It is evident President Wilson is aroused as never before to the danger and is preparing to enforce an embargo on all freight shipments but food and coal, the elimination of car tie-ups in harbor terminals owing to shipping cancellations, a drastic "high-cost-of-living inquiry" by the Federal Trade Commission, and other measures to remedy the situation.

New York, Feb. 22.— Mayor Mitchel last night instructed the police, health and charities departments to make a thorough investigation of food conditions throughout the greater city and report to him Friday, when he will place before the board of estimate a request of East Side housewives that $1,000,000 be appropriated by the city to buy food for distribution at reasonable prices. This action on the part of the mayor followed a resumption of rioting among housewives in various parts of the city and a visit to him of a committee of women who declared their children were starving because of the high cost of foodstuffs.

SENT TO THE GRAND JURY.

The case of Eugene Parker, colored, charged with shooting Samuel Littlejohn, also colored, on the 11th instant, came up in the Police Court this morning. The accused was held for the action of the grand jury.

Samuel Flanon, alias Fisher, was arraigned on the charge of the larceny of an Eagle's charm, valued at $45, belonging to Charles H. Zimmerman, of this city. Flanon was arrested in Baltimore a few days ago. The prisoner acknowledged taking the charm, and said he had pawned it, but were he given time he could redeem the jewel and return it to Zimmerman. He claimed he had no intention of retaining it. The complainant stated he would not prosecute Flanon should he recover the charm, which the prisoner promised to do, and the case was continued for a few days.

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SHADOW ON TWENTY-SECOND.

Weather conditions for a holiday were all that could have been wished today. The twenty-second of February, 1917, dawned beautifully. The heavens were clear, the wind from the west, the temperature pleasant, and Old Sol appeared over the Maryland hills red and glowing, indicative of pleasant meteorological conditions. But there was a shadow cast by the war clouds which are rolling thousands of miles away and we realize that our own country is passing through troublous times. There is an unrest everywhere. People are anxious. War seems to be at our own door. The wolf is sniffing around the homes of many in other places. Bread riots are distressing certain sections of our land, while wholesale incendiarism is startling other localities. Apart from these fearful conditions, we are painfully aware of the fact that our land is infested by spies who are supported by governments hostile to us and who are challenging our independence. Government and railroad property is being closely guarded, and the time may be near when it will be necessary to go armed to protect our individual possessions.

What a contrast to conditions three years ago, when Alexandria enjoyed one of her old-time twenty-second of February celebrations. The Governor of Virginia was with us on that occasion, as were also other state and national officials. It is true it was snowing, but that was taken more as a joke than anything else, the enthusiasm of the occasion rising high above the elements.

The celebration of the anniversary of the birth of George Washington today was of a quiet nature, although interest was not lacking. There was no parade, nor was there any great influx of visitors, but there were many social features some of which will be continued until a late hour tonight.

It has been a semi-holiday with decorations in the way of flags, etc. There have been sufficient reminders of the day we always celebrate in one way or another.

The Masonic feature, as has been the case in recent years, has been of the most interesting nature. Grand Masters from most of the states of the union met here and held their yearly meeting in the interests of the purposed George Washington Memorial Temple which will be erected in or near Alexandria. A majority of the Grand Lodges of the country have already contributed handsomely to this structure, and at each meeting other appropriations are announced.

The members of the Masonic body met in the Elks Hall, where a royal lunch was served during the day, and at night Alexandria-Washington Lodge will hold its annual banquet which will be attended by prominent men from different sections of the country.

PERILOUS TIMES SHALL COME.

While many in the United States are disposed to cry, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace," is it not time to stop, look, and listen? Is it not opportune to compare conditions in the United States of a few years ago to those now staring us in the face? The rumbling thunder from the fierce clouds across the Atlantic Ocean is becoming louder every day, and common sense should cause us to ask the question, Is the storm heading towards us? With all our boasts of this country being the land of the free and the home of the brave, the fact remains that our shipping is denied the freedom of the seas while our country is being annoyed by dangerous agents of other nations. Our American line of transatlantic steamers which so enthused the country twenty-five years ago when the Stars and Stripes were seen to float from their taffrails, are tied up in New York at the ipse dixit of a hostile country which demands a place in the sun, and in order to attain its ambition denies others existence upon the planet.

This same nation which refused to allow the feeble Francis Joseph to take off the edge of the Austrian ultimatum to Servia, thereby precipitating the present fearful war, is now playing the same game towards his successor. The present Hapsburger, it is believed, would manifest reason in the dispute with the United States over the submarine issue, but Germany says no, and that to the young emperor is an end to all controversy. Hence the United States, it is believed, must sever relations with the dual kingdom.

The brutal defiance of Germany to all pleas of reason in the grave conditions overclouding civilization is expressed in the following dispatch from Amsterdam:

"The Kolnische Volks Zeitung, assuming that the American government "is seeking to prove that Germany does not dare sink American ships, declares that should the steamers Rochester and Orleans meet a German submarine their fate would be sealed. "It makes no difference," says the paper, "that they are not carrying contraband. It would be absurd, after the German official declarations, that even in a single case any regard should be paid to the possibility of avoiding a conflict with the United States."

Now at a time when our foreign relations were never in a worse state, the United States is confronted with a shortage of food, which has brought on bread riots in the larger cities and an attempt to destroy another with fire.

Many people, animated by the best motives, and who undoubtedly meant well, imagined a few years that they sniffed the long-sighed-for Millennium. The Hague Tribunal, which was to settle all frictions between nations, had, it was assumed, eliminated wars, while the champions of sociological movements launched, at times supposed that the world was about to be governed by the Prince of Peace. But "wars and rumors of wars, famines and pestilences, and men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth," are painfully apparent notwithstanding the assurances of such misguided persons.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Under the above heading the Gazette will be pleased to give reasonable space to any person who desires to make comment upon matters of general interest to the public. Writers will of course be responsible for their utterances. As a guarantee of good faith, the name and address of the writer of any article submitted for publication will be required in each instance.—Editor Gazette.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19, 1917.
Editor Alexandria Gazette:

Fully twenty-five or thirty thousand Confederate Veterans will attend the grand Confederate Reunion in Washington during the week beginning June 4, next. In addition to these veterans, there will be a numerous following of Sponsors, Maids of Honor, Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Veterans and a host of other sympathetic and interested Southerners. The vast Southern influx will be one of the greatest aggregations ever in Washington, possibly paralleling the immense throngs of Inauguration time. The occasion will be the first gathering of the Veterans of the Gray in the National Capital—the 27th National Reunion of United Confederate Veterans, and the 22nd Annual Reunion of the Sons of Veterans.

It will be, primarily, a Southern affair. The Confederate Veterans have never before been to Washington for a meeting, and they may never again extend their rule under which they have heretofore uniformly met in the South. The event therefore is unique; a celebration not merely of local or sectional interests, but of national significance. For the first time in history, these great organizations, the pride of the Southland, will convene on ground where that other national patriotic body, the Grand Army of the Republic, has held its encampments. Southerners, Northerners, Washingtonians, everybody, will join in the festive spirit.

The South will profit greatly by a successful Reunion, because of the publicity that will be given this section, the sentimental tribute to Southern interests and organizations and the establishment of closer relations generally. Representative and well-known men of Washington already are organizing to give their time and services willingly and gratuitously to the development of ways and means to make the Southern hosts welcome and at home in their capital. Already they have organized two committees, the executive and finance committees, which have begun their efforts to make the Reunion a success; and the publicity, entertainment, reception, auditing, and other committees will soon swing into line to give this Great Southern Assembly the prominence, attention, and careful vigilance that the occasion deserves. They have fixed upon $60,000 as the tentative sum necessary to defray the expense of making the affair go down in history as one of the most notable of all Confederate Assemblages. They have already formulated extensive measures, have raised several thousands of dollars in the short time that they have been at work, and the plans are proceeding with splendid promise of the greatest reunion in the long annals of the Confederate bodies.

The City of Washington, the National Capital, belongs to the Nation; to the South, the North, the East and the West, the pride of Americans wherever they may be. Every patriot, every individual with an iota of civic responsibility, every citizen in whose blood courses the spirit of national interest, looks upon Washington differently than upon any other city in the land; as their capital, their national city, their national home. For this reason, the cooperation of people throughout the South is invited. Everyone in the South, as well as in Washington, who is interested in the historic Confederacy should have an opportunity to take part in

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Inauguration of President Wilson, Washington, D. C., Monday, March 5th, 1917.

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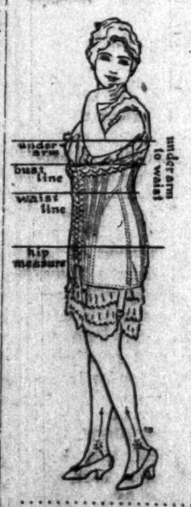

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8:47 A. M. Daily—Local for Harrisonburg and way stations, Buffet parlor car.

9:17 A. M. Daily—Mail train, coaches for Manassas, Warrenton, Orange, Lynchburg, Greensboro and Charlotte.

10:22 A. M. Daily—U. S. Fast Mail stops only for passengers to points at which scheduled to stop. Coaches and Sleeping cars to Atlanta, New Orleans, Birmingham. Sleeping car Salisburg to Ashville. Coaches for Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville Greensboro, and Charlotte.

4:22 P. M. Daily—Local for Charlottesville connecting at Calverton for Warrenton.

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4:02 P. M.—Daily local for Harrisonburg and way Stations on Manassas branch. Pullman Buffet parlor cars.

5:22 P. M. Local for Warrenton.

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11:02 P. M. Daily—New York and New Orleans Limited. All Pullman train. Club and Observation cars to New Orleans. Dining car service.

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making the coming Reunion a tremendous record-breaking success.

It takes money to finance an affair of such proportions, which is largely a social and entertaining one, and Southerners and Washingtonians should join hands in handling the event. Personages well known in public life, many northern and western men, have already by their letters and contributions evinced their spirit of fellowship, good will and public sentiment.

The Finance Committee, evolved out of a general organization of business and professional men of Washington, representing the leading activities, serving without personal profit and enthusiastic in the carrying out of arrangements, asks the substantial cooperation of all business interests and individuals in the Southland, patriotically and sentimentally inclined, to participate in the movement to make the Reunion a magnificent celebration at the National Capital. It has devised methods to secure from every business and profession, collective, or individual, assistance in producing the $60,000, or more, estimated to be necessary to meet the expense of such an extensive affair. Every dollar will be used in the interest of the Confederate Veterans, every expenditure audited, all contributors and amounts listed and made public, and any balance returned, pro rata, to contributors. Thus, in this Southern cooperation, all will have a part in making this National event a conspicuously brilliant success. The railroads of the South have conceded a sentimental rate of one cent a mile for the Reunion. There will be entertainment galore and everything will be done to give the Veterans a rousing welcome during the reunion week.

The Finance committee accordingly asks the Alexandria Gazette to assist in securing total subscriptions of $600 as the contribution of the citizens of Alexandria and vicinity,—to be raised either by starting a fund in the daily news columns, by organization of citizens, or in whatever way is deemed best. Other interests and localities in the South are being called upon likewise.

The responses should be made immediately so that the reunion plans may be proceeded with by the executive, publicity, and various committees that are to manage the occasion.

Thanking you in advance,

Your very truly,

H. F. Cary,

Chairman, Washington Finance Committee, U. C. V. Reunion.

HIGH COST AND THE FARMER.

(From the Kansas City Star)

A Western farmer drove into town the other day to get an old-fashioned article——a buggy—and the salesman at the implement store showed him one at $90.

"Talk about the high cost of living," the farmer grumbled. "I can remember that my father bought a buggy exactly like that for $60 20 years ago."

The salesman remembered the sale, too, and he responded quickly:

"Your father turned in 300 bushels of corn to pay for it. Now I'll do better by you than I did by your father. You bring in your 300 bushels of corn and I'll let you pick out this list."

And the salesman wrote down—

One $90 buggy.
One $50 wagon.
One $20 suit of clothes.
One $20 dress.
One $5 baby dress.
One $5 crib.
One $3 box of cigars.
$2.00 worth of sugar
$1.50 worth of coffee.
$1.00 worth of tea.
$40.00 worth of gasoline.
$2.50 worth of lubricating oil.

The total figured $240, the value of the 300 bushels of corn it had taken to buy a $90 buggy 20 years before. The farmer climbed back into his motor car. "I guess I haven't got any kick coming on the high cost of living," he said. "Send out that $90 buggy."

Shoots Sweetheart at Party.

Crazed with jealousy when he saw his sweetheart in the company of another man at a party in Highland Springs, Richmond, last night, and smarting from the effects of a recent "falling out" between them, Raymond Winn, 20 years old, called 17 year old Elise Thorp from the house where the party was in progress and after a few angry words pulled a revolver from his pocket and shot her. She ran back to the house and dropped dead on the parlor floor. He then placed the gun to his own head and killed himself instantly.

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PLANT AND PROPERTY OF NEW WASHINGTON BRICK COMPANY.

By virtue of decrees of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, rendered on the 10th day of July, 1915, and on the 24th day of January, 1917, in the Chancery cause therein pending between Enoch L. White, who sues etc., complainant, vs. the New Washington Brick Company, et als, defendants, the undersigned, who by said decree of July 10, 1915, were appointed Special Commissioners for the purpose, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, on the premises of the New Washington Brick Company, situated in Alexandria County, Virginia, at 11 o'clock A. M., on the 15th day of March, 1917, the following real and personal property of the New Washington Brick Company situated in the County of Alexandria, State of Virginia, and described as follows, to wit;

All that piece or parcel of land and premises called and known as "Abington," being described as follows according to survey thereof made by A. N. Hurdle, Surveyor, in January 1886, namely. Beginning at a stone supposed to be at low water mark on the Potomac River and in the division line between "Abington" and "Summer Hill," owned by George T. Raub, running thence west with said line 225 poles to a point on the east side of the Aexandria-Washington Turnpike; thence along the east side of said Turnpike, North 177.4 poles to a stone in the division line between "Abington" and "Waterloo"; thence, east 94 poles to a small sassafras stump; thence South 76 1-2 degrees East 99 poles to lot water mark on the west side of Potomac River; thence along the meanders of said River to the beginning; containing 216 acres, 3 rods, and 10 poles, together with all the improvements, ways, easements, rights, privileges, appurtenances and hereditaments to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining.

And also, the plant for the manufacture of brick on the above described premises, with the machinery, fixtures, appurtenances and personal property to the said plant belonging, and used in and about the operation and conduct of the same.

Excepting, however, that portion of the said tract of land which by deed dated July 25, 1904, and recorded in Deed Book 110, page 335 of the land records of Alexandria County, was conveyed by the New Washington Brick Company and the American Security and Trust Com- of the District of Columbia, Trustee, to the Washington Southern Railway Company, described as follows; to-wit: Beginning at station 1372, 45.1, where the center line of the new alignment of the Washington Southern Railway intersects the line dividing the land of the New Washington Brick Company and Henry Norton; thence in a northeasterly direction by a strip 150 feet wide, being 75 feet on each side of the said new center line, to "station" 1378 50; thence northeastedly by a strip 190 feet wide, being 95 feet on each side of the said new center line, to "station" 1385; thence northeasterly by a strip 150 feet wide being 75 feet on each side of the said new center line, 1723.3 feet, more or less, to the line dividing the land of the New Washington Brick Company and Jackson Phillips Brick Company, containing 10.852 acres, more or less, according to a plat of survey made by C. W. Haines, Chief Engineer, attached to and made a part of said deed; and excepting any manufactured brick now being upon the premises above described. And subject to the right of way for a sewer of 10 feet wide and containing two one-hundredths parts of an acre, across the southwest corner of the property above described, held by Henry C. Morris, with the right of the owners of the said tract of land and their successors, to tap and to use the said sewer at any time.

Terms of Sale:—$24,000,00 in cash, of which cash payment $4,000 is to be paid on the day of sale by the successful bidder when the property is struck off to such bidder, and the residue of the cash payment, $20,000., is to be paid two weeks from the day of sale; and the residue of the purchase money shall be payable in four equal installments at six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months from the day of sale. The deferred payments of the purchase money to be evidenced by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers thereof, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the day of sale until paid, and the title to be retained until the purchase price is paid in full with the accured interest thereon. The purchaser or purchasers of the said property will be permitted to pay all cash if they so desire.

James R. Caton, Jr.,
Levi H. David,
Carl J. F. Graff,
G. Washington Lewis,
Gardner L. Boothe,
Special Commissioners of Sale.

I, Nevell S. Greenaway, Clerk of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, do certify that Gardner L. Boothe, one of the Commissioners above named, has executed bond with approved security, as required by decree rendered in the above entitled cause on the 10th day of July, 1915. 45-td.

NEVELL S. GREENAWAY, Clerk.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

—of—

ONE-HALF OF A SQUARE OF GROUND IN ALEXANDRIA CITY, VA., IMPROVED BY A SMALL FRAME BUILDING.

By virtue of authority vested in the undersigned trustee, by deed of trust from Robert Elliott and Sybilla M. Elliott, his wife, to C. E. Nicol, the said undersigned trustee, bearing date January 20, 1914, admitted to record January 20, 1914, and duly of record in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court of Alexandria City, Virginia, in Liber No. 63, at Folio, 300, of the Land Records of the said City, default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by the said deed of trust and the beneficiary under the said deed of trust having requested the said undersigned trustee to sell the hereinafter described property to satisfy the said debt, the said undersigned trustee will sell at public auction on the Premises,

At 3:00 O'clock, p. m., ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1917, the following described real estate situate in the City of Alexandric, Virginia, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

All that piece or parcel of land situate and being in the said City, bounded on the west by Payne Street, on the south by Pendleton Street, on the east by Fayette Street, and on the north by a line drawn east and west through the middle of the square parallel to Wythe street and being the south half of the square of ground bounded by Payne, Pendleton, Fayette and Wythe Streets, which was conveyed to the said Robert Elliott by Louis C. Barley and Bessie S. Barley, his wife, by deed bearing date June 16, 1900, admitted to record August 31, 1901, and duly recorded in Liber No. 47, at folio 179, of the Land Records of Alexandria City, Virginia.

Terms of Sale:— Cash.

The title is perfect. $100.00 deposit will be required on day of sale and ten days allowed to examine title, when balance of purchase money must be paid, whereupon deed will be executed.

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Laymen's Missionary Movement, Southern Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La., March 13-15, 1917.

Account this meeting Southern Railway will have on sale at Washington, D. C., and principal stations in Virginia, reduced round trip fare tickets March 11, 12 and 13th, bearing final return limit of March 21st. Consult Agents for details or write R. H. DeButts, D. P. A., Washington, D. C. Feb. 9-16-23 M. 2-9

SEALED PROPOSALS.

Sealed Proposals addressed to Mr. J. B. Fitzgerald, chairman of Committee on Light, for the erection of a Brick Building at the City Gas Works, will be received at the office of the Clerk of Gas until 12 o'clock, noon, on March 3rd, 1917. Drawings and specifications can be seen at the office of the Clerk of Gas, Room 5 and 6, City Hall.

J. B. WALLER,
43-6t. Clerk of Gas.

Special Notice

February 7, 1917.

By order of the Board of Directors of the Seminole Land & Investment Company, Incorporated, notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of said Company will be held at the principal offices of the Company, 111 south Fairfax street, Alexandria, Virginia, on the 26th day of February, 1917, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 noon, for the purpose of considering the action of the officers of said Company in connection with the recent sale and conveyance of the entire property of said Company to the St. Cloud Development Company and of approving or disapproving same.

L. V. FRENCH
35-td. Feb. 7, 1917. Secretary

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A PATRIOTIC ORATION

Awarded Prize in the Oratorical Contest Held by the Alexandria High School Literary Society.

The following oration, delivered by Willard Blewett, of the Alexandria High school, at the oratorical contest held by the High School literary society on Friday evening, and which was awarded the prize, is published by request:

Gentlemen: There was an America of barbarism and pillaging; there was a North of disloyalty and later strife; there was a South of slavery and secession, and there was a West of Mormanism. There was evolved from these stages an America of union and freedom and peace, unselfish yet firm, slow to anger yet quick to act. A nation whose world-wide light has shown, shines now, and shall shine eternally. And as her light shines so may her citizens, the representative body of that light, though they have been slow to anger, be quick to make the first step toward avenging this wrong wrought them and all other neutrals by a nation deemed to be their friend but which has repeatedly rejected their hand of good will and friendship.

Can you imagine the cause of the present attitude that Germany has so suddenly assumed toward the United States? From the role of a friend she has, with a savage determination, taken up the robe of a raging sea pirate, has cast aside our friendship, and resolved to make every neutral nation pay for her own recklessness, that is if they are foolish enough to submit. The declaration of Germany for a policy of ruthless submarine warfare proves her to be capable of everything that is bad. Germany, although the strongest military power in the world at the time, miscalculated when she decided to war with the allies. Fighting with the best that was in her for every inch of ground, and yet finding that she was losing out, Germany has been forced to take the position of the bayed hyena that she is. She sees that her end is not far off and consequently she cares not in the least for the future. The very timidity of most the neutral nations has been so great as to almost convince Germany that she can command them to fight for her without the least doubt of refusal. It is for these reasons, sirs, that Germany has taken such a bold step, in fact defied the whole world.

Has the United States a right to declare war on Germany and is she justified in doing so? Shall we permit any nation to defy us to offer resistance to such a violation of international law, when by so doing she trails through the dust our very existance, treads upon the glorious Stars and Stripes, in fact, all for which our forefathers fought so hard and against such overwhelming odds? Since the sinking of the Lusitania Germany has been warned time and again but without result. Her actions have all been without excuse. Do you know that since her declaration of January 31st last, Germany has sent to the botton of the sea 42 vessels sailing neutral flags and belonging to neutral countries? This is the worst violation of International law that could be dreamed of and must result in the extermination of the Teutonic race as a nation.

Gentlemen, we are on the verge of war and should we desire peace it is practically beyond our reach. The war with Germany is practically inevitable and the result is plain. Never before in the history of the world have two such nations as the United States and Germany severed diplomatic relations without war resulting. There rests upon the shoulders of our Honorable President, Woodrow Wilson, and the government alone, the preservation of international law, as to whether we shall humbly submit to this prejudiced act until it is too late or whether we shall act now.

They tell us, sirs, that we are weak, unable to offer resistance. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week or the next year? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of peace, while our enemies are sending to a watery grave our very brothers unmercifully? Sirs, we are not weak. America is the home of patriots. America is not the home of cowards. Here blood, brains, culture, and the high ideals of life present to the world the highest type of patriotism. The United States is the greatest neutral power in the world. The United States is the only neutral country possessing the necessary grit and backbone to start the ball rolling and once she makes this step practically every other neutral nation in the world will follow. Is it not better to take this step rather than to allow the laws of neutrality, the preserving of which we are pledged to uphold, to be thus torn apart by Germany? What neutral nations would join the United States, combined with the Allies, could crush with a single blow the very spark that has set afire the present European war, Germany. Such a step only can bring about that for which our loyal and faithful president has so long been striving—a universal peace. The lowly Nazarene, on the shores of Galilee, preached the divine doctrine of love, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Not peace on earth at the expense of liberty and humanity! Not good will toward a people stained with the blood of their fellow-men and wishing to crush a Christian nation! I believe in the doctrine of Christ. I believe in the doctrine of peace. But sirs, we must have liberty before there can come abiding peace.

True Americans, shall we risk it? That is the question. You may cry and plead that we attempt to preserve peace longer, but there is no peace. The war is actually begun and until Germany is wiped off the face of the earth you may hope for peace in vain. The time for action has, then, come. No greater reason for it can exist tomorrow than exists today. Each hours delay only adds another chapter to the awful story of misery and death. What would you gentlemen wish? What would you have? Give us the spirit of '76—that of our forefathers—that is what we should have. Shall we permit any nation to deprive us of the liberty for which they so bravely gave their lives? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the hands of a semi-barbarious nation, driven to despair, hung by her own hand? Shall America, The Republic of the world, thus commit suicide? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me the unbounded liberty of the Stars and Stripes, or death in its defense.

BRITISH SEIZE A TRENCH.

Pierce German Front Deeply in Two Other Raids.

London, Feb. 22.—"Successful enterprises were carried out by our troops Tuesday night on different points along our front," says last night's official report from British headquarters in France. "On the Somme front we seized a section of the enemy's trenches north of Guedecourt and took 21 prisoners.

"The enemy's trenches south of Armentieres were entered by us on a front of some 650 yards. Our troops penetrated deeply into the enemy's position, inflicted many casualties and captured 44 prisoners.

"We also raided the enemy's lines southeast of Ypres, on a front of 500 yards, and reached his support line. Many Germans were killed and several dugouts and mine shafts were destroyed. Great damage was done the enemy's defenses. One hundred and fourteen prisoners were captured including one officer, and four machine guns were brought back. In all these enterprises our casualties were slight. The total number of prisoners taken in the last 24 hours was 184."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Thirty-two Bavarian and Prussian soldiers were killed and 200 wounded as the result in a fight Tuesday week. The trouble took place at Beverloe, Belgium.

The price of potatoes is on the increase and will probably reach $10 a barrel within the next ten days, according to the latest opinions of the wholesale produce dealers of Washington.

There were approximately 2,000 persons killed or injured in the recent railroad accident near Chirurcha, in nothern Roumania. The train was carrying Roumanian refugees to Russia.

Because his wife refused to kiss him, it is alleged Michael Clarke, of Baltimore, shot and probably fatally wounded her last night and then ended his own life. Clarke was 23 and his wife 17. They had been married seven months.

Edgar L. Calhoun, a business man of Mansfield, La., yesterday served a jail sentence of 30 minutes imposed after he had been found guilty by a jury in criminal court of charges of manslaughter. Calhoun admitted on the witness stand that he had killed Green Columbus, but claimed Columbus had insulted his daughter. The verdict of the jury was "guilty as charged," but included a recommendation for the "extreme mercy of the court."

Federal authorities investigating the Prussian espionage conspiracies, in the course of which Albert Sander and Charles W. Wunnenberg have been arrested in New York and held, are looking into the circumstances surrounding a $2,000,000 fund said to have been left in this country by Count von Bernstorff. The dismissed German Ambassador, it is said, left the money to be used for enlarging and strengthening the Prussian spy system in this country, as well as for general propaganda purposes.

The frontier correspondent of the Amsterdam Telegraaf says that a strike in the Krupp works at Essen, involving 17,000 workmen, has been in progress for a fortnight. The men, the correspondent declares, are demanding higher wages and increased food rations. Many of the strikers have been sent to the front.

At midnight hundreds of motormen and conductors gathered at the Lyceum Theater, Washington, to consider a new wage agreement between the local traction companies and the employes. General dissatisfaction was expressed over the clause which makes an employe work ten years before getting the maximum pay of 27 cents an hour. While some of the more radical members were in favor of a strike, no such action will be taken until the companies have refused the demands and have refused to arbitrate them.

Legislation making every American citizen a potential soldier will be laid before Congress this week, it was announced yesterday, after Secretary of War Baker conferred at length with President Wilson on the subject of universal military service. It is understood that the measures provides for six months' intensive training for every citizen of military age, followed by enlistment in the reserve army, which will act as the second line of the nation's land defense. The universal training plan is expected to encounter stiff opposition in Congress.

Tense excitement ruled in Murray, Ky., yesterday at the trial of Lube Martin, negro, charged with the murder of Police Officer Duiguid, when Felix Skinner took the stand and testified the negro told him that he had been instructed to kill the patrolman by prominent city officials. Martin took Skinner to his home a short time before the murder and told him he had been instructed to kill Duiguid by Chief of Police P. F. Waterfield and City Judge John Schroder and the judge's son, according to Skinner's testimony. Officials of the court were thrown into an uproar by the testimony. National Guardsmen still stand guard over Martin to protect him from the mob which twice has attempted to lynch him.

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